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SPECIAL NOTICE

The Illinois Department of Transportation, with the concurrence of the Federal Highway Administration, no longer allows DBE goal credit for the work category of supplier of petroleum products. DBE goal credit will only be allowed for the transportation costs associated with the transportation/hauling of such material.

This change was effective with the April 29, 2005 Letting. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mark Bennett at (217) 785-7526.

SPECIAL NOTICE

As a strategic part of the Department's DBE goal setting document, a new Special Provision is being inserted into proposals for the April 29, 2005 Letting requiring Contractors to make mobilization payments to their subcontractors.

Subcontractor Registration

Subcontractors interested in participating on contracts are required to register with the Department. Prequalified contractors, material suppliers and trucking companies are **NOT** required to register. Subcontractors can register electronically at the Department's web site, <http://www.dot.il.gov/>. At the home page click on "Doing Business". The subcontractor registration form is listed under Contractor Services. The registration form requires minimal information and can be completed in minutes. Confirmation, along with a registration number, will be received by e-mail in 1-2 days. Registration is valid for one year and will then require renewal. Questions may be addressed to the Prequalification Section, Bureau of Construction.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

GUIDE FOR WORKING WITH RAILROADS

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Bureau of Construction, is making a new booklet available. Its title is Keeping Your Job On Track When Working With A Railroad. It offers contractors, IDOT field personnel and others a concise description of responsibilities and best practices when a railroad facility is located within a highway improvement project. It can be found on the IDOT internet site, on the Doing Business page, section (<http://www.dot.il.gov/dobuisns.html>), under the section titled Contractor Services. The link is entitled Guide For Working With Railroads.

Special Notice Regarding IDOT Proposals, Authorization To Bid & Requests For Plans & Proposals

ABOUT IDOT PROPOSALS

All Proposals issued by IDOT are potential bidding proposals. Each proposal contains all Certifications and Affidavits, a proposal signature sheet and a Proposal Bid Bond required for Prime Contractors submit a bid after written AUTHORIZATION TO BID has been issued by IDOT. A Proposal Bid Bond and Authorization To Bid are not required on items designated as Small Business Set-Aside.

ABOUT AUTHORIZATION TO BID (Not required for Small Business Set-Asides)

WHO CAN BID? Bids will be accepted from only those companies that **request and receive** written **Authorization to Bid** from IDOT. To request authorization, a potential bidder must complete and submit Part B of the Request for Authorization to Bid/or Not For Bid Status for (BDE 124INT).

WHAT CONSTITUTES AUTHORIZATION TO BID? When a prospective prime bidder submits a "Request for Proposal Forms and Plans" he/she must indicate at that time which items are being requested for bidding purposes. Only those items requested For Bidding will be analyzed. After the request has been analyzed, the bidder will be issue a **Proposal Denial and/or Authorization Form** that indicates which items have been approved for Bidding. If **Authorization to Bid** cannot be approved, the **Proposal Denial and/or Authorization Form** will indicate the reason for denial.

FIRMS UNSURE AS TO AUTHORIZATION STATUS? Firms that have not received an authorization form within a reasonable time of complete and correct original document submittal should contact the department as to status. This is critical in the week before the letting. These documents must be received by three days before the letting date. Firms unsure as to authorization status should call the Prequalification Section of the Bureau of Construction at 217/785-7927.

ABOUT REQUESTS FOR PLANS & PROPOSALS

The request form used for ordering plans and proposals, form BDE 124INT (Revised 6/2005), has been designed to provide better communication between requesters and IDOT personnel who are responsible for processing plan and proposal orders. If requesters follow the instructions printed on the reverse side of the form, it will help save time, eliminate errors and expedite the processing of requests.

Requests for plans and proposals will not be honored unless submitted on the proper form, a copy of which is included in this issue of the Transportation Bulletin.

NOTICE

NO AUTHORIZATION TO BID WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL A COMPLETED PART B OF FORM BDE 124INT AND THE ORIGINAL AFFIDAVIT OF AVAILABILITY HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE CENTRAL BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION. FOR SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDES, THE AFFIDAVIT OF AVAILABILITY IS NOT REQUIRED.

SPECIAL NOTICE

SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDES

Several items on this Letting are designated as small business set-asides. In accordance with Section 45-45 of the Illinois Procurement Code and the rules of the Department, only bids from qualified small businesses will be considered for award. No construction business is a small business if its annual sales and receipts exceed \$10,000,000.

To encourage maximum competition, these small business set-asides are open bidding items. In accordance with the rules of the Department, prequalification is waived for these items. All bidders, including those correctly prequalified by the Department, are required to submit with the bids a Qualification and Equipment Inventory Certification Form. The form is included with the proposal and bidding documents.

Please see the list of items elsewhere in the Bulletin. There will Small Business Set-asides on future Lettings as well.

Authorization to bid is not required; however, firms wishing to be listed on the For Bid list should so indicate by sending a Request For Authorization To Bid/or Not For Bid Status (form BDE 124INT).

If you have any questions please contact Jim Duncan at 217-782-7806.